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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Gretchen J. Naff has devoted 35 years of her  
3 professional life to higher education; and

4 WHEREAS, She has provided outstanding leadership as  
5 President of the College of Lake County for the last 10 years  
6 and has been instrumental in the College's national reputation  
7 as one of the finest community colleges; and

8 WHEREAS, As President, she worked tirelessly on  
9 initiatives for new College facilities, faculty and staff  
10 development, and the expansion of educational opportunities  
11 that continue to impact the lives of Lake County residents; and

12 WHEREAS, She was a major advocate for the creation of the  
13 University Center of Lake County; and

14 WHEREAS, She led initiatives to diversify faculty and staff  
15 at the College, established a Leadership Institute for  
16 professional staff development, and created more than 50 new  
17 degree and certificate programs to expand educational options  
18 for students; and

19 WHEREAS, She has built invaluable relationships with state  
20 and national higher education leaders through her leadership as  
21 President of the Illinois Community College Presidents Council  
22 and her involvement with the American Association of Community  
23 Colleges and the National Institute for Leadership  
24 Development; and

25 WHEREAS, She has represented the College with the highest  
26 integrity in forging relationships with school districts,  
27 colleges and universities, business, government, and community  
28 organizations, including Lake County Partners; and

1           WHEREAS, She has earned the respect of educational,  
2 business, and community leaders, and has won numerous awards,  
3 including Lake County Partners' Extra Mile Award and the Latino  
4 Coalition's Community Outreach Award, for her leadership and  
5 community service; and

6           WHEREAS, She has elected to retire from her position at the  
7 College; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we express our gratitude to Dr. Gretchen J. Naff for her  
11 contributions to education and extend our best wishes for a  
12 long, healthy, joyful, and fulfilling retirement; and be it  
13 further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Dr. Gretchen J. Naff as an expression of our  
16 admiration and esteem.